

DEFENSIVE AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING
OVERCALLS
Nat nf 7-17 hcp , better than min vul. (1x)-1y-(p)-? New suit nat F , 1nt 8-11hcp, 2nt-12-13hcp (1x)-1y-(positive bid)- ? new suit NF ,1NT=8-11hcp , (1x)-1y-(any) -2x = 10 +hcp & support (USC) (1x)-1y-(2x/3x)-X= USC equiv. Protective: suit =up to 13hcp; jump suit = 14-17hcp; X then new suit = 18+hcp.
1NT OVERCALL
Direct 1nt 15-17 hcp ; X then lowest nt 18-19 hcp Protective: 1nt 11-14hcp ; X then lowest nt 15-18hcp ; 2nt 19-21hcp After 1nt o/c, system on if opps pass.
JUMP OVERCALLS
(1c)-2d , (1d/h/s)-3c are all Ghestem (not in protective position) Otherwise, direct 5-9 hcp, 6-card suit ,NF.2nt=ask, upper range bid feature or with AKQ bid 3nt ; with lower range rebid suit Protective: 14-17hcp NF
DIRECT & JUMP CUE BIDS
Direct cue of 1-level suit is Ghestem, except (1c)-2c natural. Jump cue is nt stop ask , except (1c)-3c is Ghestem (d & s). (2d weak)- 3d= Ms ; (2h/s weak or Tartan) - cue=nt stop ask.
VS. NT
X= ms, except by unpassed hand against weak nt =penalty 2c=Ms;2d=art single suited;2M= Tartan2 type, and 2nt asks for m
VS. weak 2 or Tartan 2.
X=t/o ; suit sound NF ;2nt 16-19hcp ; cue-see above; (2M)-4m= 5 card +5 OM Str; (2M)-4NT=55ms , str.
Vs weak 3 opening. X t/o , suit sound nf , (3m)-cue=Ms, (3M)-cue=OM and m (5C=p/c). V. Texas 4. X=values & suit bid, cue=t/o. v.4- level pre-empt. X=values , t/o; 4nt =2-suited excl S .
V.Opponent's Overcall.
1 suit -(o/c)-? Raise, jump raise,1/2/3 nt natural nf ; new suit (unpassed)F ;Cue or Splinter GF. jump shift (unpassed) 6-card 5-9 hcp NF ,nat inv(passed hand), with tolerance for m suit opened
V. Opponent's Takeout Double
With support : 2NT= limit raise to 3-level +, Splinter GF raise nat limit, jump raise pre-empt Without support: XX = 10+hcp, other bids < 10hcp and nf . 1nt nat, new suit nat , jump shift 6-card 5-9hcp NF (passed hand M jump shift is 5-card with support for suit opened, inv strength)

LEADS AND SIGNALS			
OPENING LEADS STYLE			
	Lead	In Partner's Suit	
Suit	2 nd /4 th , MUD	2 nd /4 th ,MUD	
NT	2 nd /4 th , ToN	2 nd /4 th , ToN. Hx possible	
May lead high through dummy's known or expected strength.			
Subseq leads based on remaining holding, occasionally suit preference.			
Lead	Vs. Suit	Vs. NT	
Ace	denies K	denies K	
King	AK(+), KQ(+)	AKQ AKJ KQJ KQ10 (+)	
Queen	QJ10 , QJ9 (+)	QJ10 QJ9 ; AQJ (Q or A) (+)	
Jack	J109, J108 ; KJ10 (+)	J109 J108 AJ10 KJ10 (+)	
10	109(x) 10 x ; K109 Q109	1098 10x A109 K109 Q109	
9	98x 9x	987x 9x	
Hi-X	X x	Xx(x)	
Lo-X	x X x (x)	xXxx	
SIGNALS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY			
	Partner's Lead	Declarer's Lead	Discarding
1	K count, AQJ10 att	SP first trump lead	Odds and evens
Suit 2	Count	Count	Odds =like
3	Suit preference		Even= dislike, sp between remaining
1		Count	2 suits
NT 2	Same	Suit preference	
3			
Standard count, attitude. Attitude: A led-? K v suit, K or Q v nt; Q,J,10 led -? connected honour?			
DOUBLES			
Take-out through 4s if 2+ suits unbid & partner hasn't made a positive bid ; repeat X is still T.O. (4h)-? x=t/o, 4nt=ms (4s)-? x=t/o, 4nt=2-suited.			
Negative through 4d after our 1-level suit opening and opps overcall			
SPECIAL, ARTIFICIAL & COMPETITIVE DBLS			
Responsive and Competitive through 4d; Lightner against suit Slam			
X of sandwich o/c ? t/o at 1-level, pen at higher level, except 1c-(p)-1d-(1s)-X= Hearts ; 1c-(1d)-X=both M			
X of transfer bid ,Stayman ,Texas 4m= that suit and values (1x)-p-(1nt)-x=t/o of 1x ; (1x)-p-(1y)-1nt= both other suits			

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GENERAL APPROACH AND STYLE
Strong NT, 5-card M, 2/1 GF, 1C 2+
SPECIAL BIDS THAT MAY REQUIRE DEFENSE
KCB 14/30 . Gerber 0/1/2/3/4.
Ghestem, direct overcall position only. cue =extremes, except (1c)-2c is nat, and (1c)-2d = Ms
Lebensohl FAST a) we open 1nt, b) we t/o double weak two
Smolen
Fourth suit . Nat F at 1-level; art GF otherwise
New minor forcing art, inv values at 2-level
Splinters Texas 4C/4D openings
SPECIAL FORCING PASS SEQUENCES
suit-(X)-XX 1nt-(overcall)-X Opps overcall our constructive game contract.

OPENING	TICK IF ARTIFICIAL	MIN. NO. OF CARDS	NEG. DBL THRU				
				DESCRIPTION	RESPONSES	SUBSEQUENT ACTION	COMPETITIVE & PASSED HAND BIDDING
1♣ 1♦		2c 4d	4d	12+ hcp NF (10+ with 6-card suit). With 5/5 open higher suit	Raise, jump raise limit ; 1c-1d typ. 5-card unbal;1c-1M might have longer d. Splinters. 1c-4c pre-empt ;1m-2M = 5-9 hcp 6-card NF . 1NT= 6-10 hcp, 2NT 11-12 hcp, 3NT 13-15 hcp NF and all deny a 4-card M	1m-2M- ? 2nt ask as after 2M opening. NMF (inv values). After splinter, new suit =lowest 1 st rd control 1m-1x-1M 4/4 poss; 1m-1M-raise 3+card	Passed hand: M jump shift is 5+ card suit, with tolerance for m suit opened, and inv values.
1♥ 1♠		5	4d	11+ hcp nat NF, with 5/5 open higher suit With 15-17 might open 1nt	1nt 4/6-12hcp semi-forcing ; 2/1 GF Splinters GF Raise const.7-9hcp 3-card, 6-8 hcp 4-card support Jump raise/3d/3c/2nt = 4-card support , 0-5hcp/ 9-10hcp/ 11-12 hcp /13+hcp respectively dbl jump raise 5-card support pre-empt.	1M-1NT ? New suit nf, 2m possibly short ; Reverse, jump shift nat F; 1h-1nt -2nt(18/19)-3h = NF (3-card support,4-6). 1M-2NT -? New suit shortage, jump shift good 55, otherwise 3M 16+hcp ; 3NT 14-15 hcp, 4M 11-13 hcp	Passed hand: 1M-2C= art F, 10/11 hcp & support.
INT		2	no	15-17 hcp Semi bal, can include 5-card M, 6-card m.	2C Stayman, non-prom, with Smolen;4-suit transfer, 3C 55m weak; 3D 55m GF;3M singleton, prob =31(54) 4c Gerber, 4NT quant. M transfers at 4-level.	Break m transfer with max & 1 of top 3 hon Break M transfer with support & max (2nt=3 card, 3M=4-card support)	Lebensohl; XX =7+ hcp X of art o/c = values + suit 1NT-(o/c)-p-(p) – X= short, max.
2♣	x		no	23+hcp semi-bal /Acol 2 +	2d relay ; new suit 5+ card, 1 ½ quick tricks Jump suit semi-solid, little else	2c-2d-2nt-? As after 2nt opening	Opp interfere: 0-4 hcp pass, with 5+ hcp X or bid good 5-card suit
2♦ 2♥ 2♠		6	no	5 -9 hcp	Raise barrage, 2NT asks, new suit nat F	2x-2nt-? bid feature if upper range	Opp interfere? 2nt still art. ask
2NT		2	no	20-22 hcp semi-bal	4c Gerber; 3c Puppet Stayman (M, or m slam interest) 3d/h transfer, possible slam interest 4d/h transfer, no slam interest/definite interest 3s=5s/4h F; 4s=5/5m slam interest;4NT= quant.	2nt-3c-any-4m =nat ,slam interest 2nt- 3c-3d (4-card M held)-3M=OM 2nt-3d-3h-4h = 6-card slam interest	2nt-4d-4h-6h = 6-card 2nt-3d-3h-6h =5-card choice of slam Opp interfere: as over 2C
3♣ ♦ ♥ ♠		7 (3c -6)	no	Pre-empt	New suit F, 3nt nat, 4nt KCB, raise barrage	If opponents interfere, new suit is lead directing with support	
3NT		7	no	Solid m, no outside controls	4c or 5c p/c. 4d ask for 3-card M.	3nt-4d-? show 3-card M, or bid 5m.	
4♣ ♦ ♥ ♠		8	no	Pre-empt	New suit cue, 4NT KCB	Opps interfere over 1nt	
4NT		0	no	Specific Ace Ask	5c=0, 5d/5h/5s = that Ace only, 5nt= c Ace	General: X or XX is penalty /penalty oriented and creates a forcing pass, and FAST Lebensohl. Exceptions: 1nt-(X)-? System on (XX=pen oriented); 1nt-(2nt =ms)-? 3c stayman, 3d/3h transfer.	
	v. opponents Ghestem/Michaels . X penalty if o/c suit is nat; or requires co-operation in penalty doubling otherwise ;raise nat nf; cue is inv raise; new suit nat F; nt natural. v. opponents wjo. Raise nat nf ; X neg ;cue nt stop ask; nt nat nf; new suit F			Responses to 1NT with 54 or 55 Ms weak/GF, use stayman ; Inv. trs, then OM nf 1NT-3d-? 1nt-3d-4m=pref, slam positive. (5m pref slam neg) 1nt-3d-3M(no m interest,5-card) 1nt-3d-3nt(nat)-4M void/4m no void, slam interest 1NT-3M-? 3nt to play, 4c p/c , OM 5-card (support or revert to 5-card m) ,5m nat.to play		HIGH LEVEL BIDDING KCB: 1430. 4nt-? 5nt = void + even no; 6 non-trump suit = void that suit & odd no; 6 agreed suit = odd and higher void. After 4NT KCB, 5NT by asker is specific K ask. Gerber: 0,1,2,3,4. Then 5c asks re Ks, other bids to play. Interference? X or XX = 1/4, pass =0/3, etc After our pre-emptive opening, when responder bids, whether competitively or not, and opponent bids, opener may not bid but may X indicating maximum defensive potential.	

